

U.S. to Spend A Billion for War Buildings

Contracts To Be "Profiteer-Proof," Experts Report

New Board Named To Carry on Work

Cantonments, Hospitals, Terminals and Factories To Be Erected

WASHINGTON, March 16.—With the creation of a construction division in the War Department to-day to handle the largest single building programme in history—aggregating \$1,084,000,000—a board of eminent experts appointed by Acting Secretary Crowell reported that the present form of construction contract is "profiteer proof."

The new construction division will replace the cantonment division, which did the preliminary work of building cantonments, hospitals, terminals and an immense building programme involving hundreds of thousands of workmen and extensive structures for the army throughout the country. It will be under the immediate direction of the chief of staff.

Headed by Professor A. N. Talbot, of the University of Illinois, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the board includes John Lawrence Mauran, of St. Louis, president of the American Institute of Architects; Charles F. Main, of Boston, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Frederick L. Schenck, of New York, president of the American Society of Consulting Engineers; John R. Alpine, representing the American Federation of Labor; R. Goodwyn Rhett, of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; E. W. Rice, of Schenectady, N. Y., president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Frederick L. Schenck, of Brooklyn, president of the General Contractors' Association of New York; and Oscar A. Reum, of Chicago, representing the Building Construction Employers' Association.

A survey of the work to be done by the new construction division is already under way in the United States. It is estimated that the programme now being planned will require the expenditure of five big jobs, aggregating \$265,000,000. There are also now 120 more, representing \$275,000,000. In addition, there are forty jobs for housing troops, representing \$330,000,000, while hospital construction alone represents \$10,000,000.

The work in prospect includes storage terminals at Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, S. C., and twenty-eight other points. Signal Corps cantonments and aviation fields at forty different points, powder loading plants and ordnance depots on the Atlantic seaboard, housing facilities for ship workers at sixteen different points, tuberculosis hospitals at Denver, Col., and Azalea, N. C.; a remount station at Charleston, S. C.; mechanical repair shops in Texas, three great office buildings in Washington, in addition to those under way; a hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas; an isolating hospital at Camp Upton, N. Y.; extensions of the Springfield, Mass., arsenal, gas making plants and gas shell filling plants at many points. The cost of the hundreds of millions of dollars involved in the programme is to be examined by the present form of contract and, if necessary, propose a new one.

The board reported that the form of contract permits starting actual work weeks and even months before the details are completely worked out and delineated, and permits the government to push the job at any speed it may elect, changing at will its scope and plan, but paying only what the work actually costs, plus a fee which is so reasonable as to be above the reach of fair-minded criticism.

This form of contract, so thoroughly approved, is known as the "cost plus sliding scale of fixed fee," in which fixed fees to contractors range from 7 per cent on contracts on \$100,000 or less down to as low as 1 1/2 per cent on the very largest amounts.

The fee, according to this form, is fixed when the contract is let, and if the cost exceeds the estimate because of higher labor and material prices the contractor receives no additional compensation whatever. Labor and material prices always will be subject to approval by the government.

Villa Captures Durango
EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—Information was received here to-day from Torreon, Mexico, stating that revolutionists had captured and occupied Durango City.

As Francisco Villa's main force has been campaigning in the State of Durango, it is believed the reported capture was made by troops of his command.

General Francisco Murguía, commander in chief of the field troops in the north, left Chihuahua City Tuesday night with troops for Durango to start a campaign against Villa.

Restoration Hospital for Disabled To Be Opened Here Next Month

War Department Base Being Rushed at Islam, N. J., for Reclamation of Men for Civilian Pursuits—Major Fred A. Albee, M. D., Noted Specialist, to Have Charge

A restoration factory whose business will be to take in American boys wounded in battle and turn them out vigorous and ready for civilian life will be opened in Islam, N. J., next month. Technically, the place will be named the United States General Hospital, No. 3, and physicians will know it as the Orthopedic Hospital for the Port of New York.

But to the boys who gave up their routine of every day living to do the emergency job of crushing Kaiserism which healed their fractures and their bone troubles incurred in the trenches, and which enabled them to return to their pre-war occupations without the handicap of physical incapacity. Only men who have been wounded so badly that they will be invalided out of the service will undergo treatment at the hospital. Those with lesser hurts of battle will be cared for on the other side.

Major Albee in Charge
Major Fred A. Albee, M. D., the noted specialist in bone and fracture cases, will be in charge of the new hospital, with twenty-four surgeons under him, and the fact of Dr. Albee's leadership indicates that the new hospital in Islam will be not only a military asset but a scientific center also.

The fame of Dr. Albee's surgical methods have spread throughout the world, and his visits to France have saved many of the sons of our allies from an inestimable degree of pain and from the likelihood of remaining cripples for life.

American soldiers who will be sent to this institution will be under the general supervision of the man who invented the twin electric saw, which succeeds in making incisions in the bone much less painful. Dr. Albee was perturbed by the fact that the pain of the operation in such cases was more intense than that felt when a bullet entered the patient's body. His worry led to the electric saw. He recognized that the velocity with which the bullet entered the body was greater than that of the surgeon's knife. The electrically driven saw attains an equal velocity and the patient is spared unendurable agony.

150 Nurses to Assist
Besides twenty-four assisting surgeons, Dr. Albee will have under his direction in the new institution a corps of 150 nurses, under Miss Josephine M. Swenson. In addition, there will be

Defence Society Approves Upton Free Auto Service

Releases Motorists From Sunday Pledge to Permit Participation

The American Defence Society has lifted its ban on the use of private automobiles on Sundays during March, in order that the hundreds of motor car owners who voluntarily agreed to the request and promised to invest the gasoline savings in war stamps may feel free to respond to the American Automobile Association's call for machines to take part March 31 in the first run from New York City to Camp Upton.

Official announcement of this was made yesterday at the headquarters of the American Defence Society. It was communicated to James A. Hemstreet, of the A. A. A., who is directing the Upton transportation service. It means that many additional motor cars will be available for the purpose of carrying the relatives of National Army men at Upton to the camp on the last Sunday in March, when the first run of free runs to the cantonment will take place.

Guggenheim Approves
William Guggenheim, trustee of the American Defence Society and originator of the "pleasure-carless Sunday" idea, made this statement last night: "The purpose of instituting the 'pleasure-carless Sundays' was to encourage voluntary sacrifice on the part of those best able to make it, and through economy aid the government. We sent out the call for the four Sundays in March, but we will probably extend the plan into April and possibly May. Many of our own men and car owners who belong to various motor clubs throughout the city have agreed to act on our suggestion that they refrain from using their machines during one or more Sundays in March. The response was hearty and spontaneous.

"We feel that the American Automobile Association's plan for a free Upton service, as suggested by the wife of a man at Yaphank in a letter to The Tribune, is laudable and patriotic. It deserves help and wholehearted support.

"We believe that on the 'pleasure-

many clerical assistants, orderlies and non-technical workers, making a staff of men in khaki of some 150, besides the nurses.

The hospital buildings, which will be erected on a splendidly equipped operating room 150 feet in length, will be on property the government has accepted from Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Freeman, head of the Mercy Committee, for five years originally the property was offered to the government fully equipped as a hospital, with an operating room and 100 beds. Deciding to erect a hospital on a larger scale, the War Department arranged to put up seven buildings and 1,500 beds, with the Mercy Committee of New Jersey furnishing much of the building materials and fully equipping at least 100 beds.

The Mercy Committee will also maintain the recreational side of the hospital work, and will provide entertainment for the convalescent patients. The site is admirably suited for out-of-door entertainments, being a combination of eight adjoining fertile farms. A large house which now stands on the property will be used as the headquarters of the Mercy Committee, whose emblem is a violet star.

An especially interesting part of the institution will be shops, where the men will be taught trades, enabling them to earn their living without physical strain in cases where the frailty persists.

Working in harmony with the Red Cross, the Mercy Committee will act as the interested friend. It will take a personal interest in the patients, and will provide funds for things which the government overlooks. The women of the organization, which has branches all over the world, will be in the heart of the work.

Originally, the War Department expected to have the hospital ready by June 1, but later decided to have at least a part of it completed by April 1. The contractors are now rushing the work to meet the government's expectation.

The Mercy Committee is a voluntary relief organization, formed three years ago. It was started to lend succor in all emergencies, such as railroad accidents, conflagrations, earthquakes and the like. Fate decreed that its first big job should be to help the soldiers. Through the American Clearing House in New York, it has shipped countless units of supplies for civilians in the countries of America's allies.

careless Sundays' designated and those which may be used for the pleasure use of an automobile can be made than to utilize it to carry cheer and comfort to the boys in camp in the form of visits from the home folk.

Motorists Released From Pledge
"Automobile owners have received the suggestion of the American Defence Society with enthusiasm. To them it has meant a great relief. They use their cars in this free Camp Upton service, without feeling any violation of their pledge. Those who donate their cars for the service are doing a patriotic and generous act. We will place their names on our honor rolls, just as if they had entirely sacrificed the use of their cars, as originally suggested."

It is believed that everything which contributes to the cheer and comfort of our fighting men makes victory more certain. The thought that many of the boys in camps in France are unable to receive even weekly visits from their loved ones is very depressing and demands a remedy. We should make efforts to show that we appreciate the sacrifices our soldiers are making for us.

Applications for reservations of the Easter Sunday run and offers of cars continued to come into the offices of the American Automobile Association, at 501 Fifth Avenue. Mr. Hemstreet said yesterday that he had one hundred cars available for the first run. He is anxious, however, to get the names of at least one hundred additional car owners who are willing to help in the service.

Four New York Men Get Army Commissions
[Staff Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Reserve Corps commissions were issued to-day by the War Department to the following New Yorkers:

Walter J. Duncan, 47 Fifth Avenue, captain, Engineer Corps.
Harold W. Chapin, 419 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, first lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, National Army.

William A. Bradley, 280 Madison Avenue, and Lawrence A. Moser, Jackson and Second Avenues, Long Island City, first lieutenants, Sanitary Corps, National Army.

Promotions in the New York National Guard Division at Camp Wadsworth announced to-day by the department included the following:

To be captain, First Lieutenant Charles P. Richard, Buffalo.

To be first lieutenants, Second Lieutenants: Frederick F. Cloak, Buffalo; Ezra A. Barnes, Oswego; Edward L. Winick, Geneva, and Durant Rice, New York City.

Daniels Makes Voyage on Good Ship Recruit

Secretary Tells Crowd Navy Has Just Begun to Do Things

As Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, climbed aboard the good ship Recruit, anchored in the sea of people that filled Union Square yesterday afternoon, the Secretary's flag, furling for breaking, was loosened to the breeze and the naval band struck up "Hail to the Chief."

Advancing bravely toward a battery of motion picture cameras, Mr. Daniels shook hands with Commander Charles A. Adams, in charge of the sturdy vessel. Then followed an informal inspection of the ship no submarine will ever sink.

"Why, this is a real ship," remarked the Secretary to her commander. "I can almost hear the waves beating outside."

While officers and enlisted men stood at attention, he examined the quarters below, including the aft cabin, resplendent in the gay red furnishings taken from the Vaterland, erstwhile pride of the Kaiser's fleet.

Then, followed by his aid, Lieutenant Frost, and Henry McDowell, director general of the Mayor's committee on National Defence, he climbed to the deck and made a brief address to the crowd.

"As this ship stands in the heart of the metropolis," he said, "so our navy is safely anchored in the hearts of the American people. Our boys in blue over there have already captured German submarines, and they have sunk more of them than I can tell."

After the chief of staff interrupted this comment, he added:

"But what they have done is only an inkling of what they will do to bring this war to a speedy conclusion."

Escorted to the motor car which awaited him near by, the Secretary stood at attention while the band on board played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Before the crowd could surge away another speaker was leaning over the rail, and the good ship Recruit was hitting the stridre for which it has become famous. After W. T. Whitmore had finished a brief appeal for volunteers, eleven young men stepped out of the crowd to do the work for Josephus Daniels and Uncle Sam's navy.

Mrs. de Rivera's Birthday
Women Honor Founder of City Federation at Luncheon

Mrs. Belle de Rivera, founder of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, was seventy years old yesterday. She indignantly denied being old, although admitting the seventy years, and graciously thanked the visitors who presented her friends thrust upon her at a luncheon in her honor at the Hotel Majestic.

The best present was a little bit delayed. Mrs. de Rivera won't get it for several days yet, but it is promised. This is the Federal woman suffrage bill, which she has been waiting for since she was a young girl. She came up from Washington on the midnight train Friday to attend the party and had expected to bring the amendments along with her. However, those Washington Senators are so slow.

Mrs. de Rivera declared she wouldn't count any more days on her age until the suffrage victory was accomplished.

Shot Kills Soldier
Mystery in Spartanburg Private's Death

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 16.—Private Frank E. Farrell, Company C, 105th Infantry, was found in his tent at the Glassy Rock rifle range with a bullet through his body near the heart yesterday afternoon and died two hours later, according to reports received here to-day. A board of officers is investigating the death. The supposition is that his gun may have been accidentally discharged in some way. He was alone in the tent at the time, so far as officers could learn.

Farrell's home is at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, and the body will be shipped there for interment. The regiment has been at Glassy Rock thirty miles distant from here, for rifle practice for about a week. A soldier heard the report of a gun and went into the tent, finding Farrell mortally wounded.

17-Year-Old Boy a Suicide
He Kills Self After Arranging for Payment of Debts

Edward P. O'Connell, seventeen years old, a page at the New York Stock Exchange, whose home is at Evergreen, L. I., committed suicide some time Friday night or early yesterday morning by inhaling illuminating gas in a room at the Morris and Essex Hotel, 108 Barclay Street.

He left a letter to his father, which he had evidently written as the fumes from the gas were slowly overcoming him.

The letter directed the payment of some small bills and particularly urged that \$16 be paid to Miss Mabel De Niro, of 329 Gates Avenue, a girl friend of his own age. Miss De Niro said that the boy had been one of a party of her friends to go to the theatre on Thursday night. Afterward they all returned to her home.

Loft Robbers Trapped
Caught With Loot When Auto Nearly Runs Down Detective

Because a speeding automobile nearly ran down a detective a \$3,000 loot robbery was solved and four men arrested yesterday in Brooklyn.

As Detective Kaufman was crossing Sumner Avenue near Hart Street he was grazed by the auto. The machine stopped at 502 Hart Street. Four men got out and, carrying rolls of clothing and other materials, entered the house.

Calling the Seventh Branch, Kaufman learned that the goods answered the description of some stolen earlier in the day from the furrier of Herman Kimball, 184 Lenox Avenue, Manhattan.

Detectives Woody, Patton and O'Connell joined Kaufman, and the four men were arrested while returning with a second load.

They gave their names as Julius Hall, forty-two, of 502 Hart Street; Joseph Asbinge, twenty-five, of 1079 Simpson Street, The Bronx; Isidore Walkoff, twenty-six, of 815 East 177th Street, Manhattan; and Benjamin Beriman, of 280 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn.

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Capital Hears That Profiteers Controlled U. S. Air Programme

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Suggestions were heard here to-night that a report to President Wilson on airplane production by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, may contain some intimations that a profiteering ring controlled the air programme to its own advantage. The report is said to refer also to alleged serious blunders and delays.

This report deals with the progress of the programme up to about the first of the year, and promises to play an important part in the special inquiry already begun by the board, headed by Snowden Marshall, of New York. It has been a matter of remark for many months among officials here that Borglum was said to carry letters from President Wilson.

Officials involved said to-night they would welcome publication of the Borglum report, and were certain it would disclose no abuses.

It was again asserted to-day by those closely connected with the air program that the schedule laid before the Inter-Allied Council last December, and described as the only thing in the nature of a promise ever made on the subject officially, would be substantially lived up to. General Pershing will not lack for adequate air fleets for his troops by July, officials reiterated to-night, and up to that time protection of his air zones rests by agreement, it is understood, with the Allies.

Will Train 50,000 Men For American Ships

Bureau to Turn Out Fifty Students Daily After April 1

On April 1 the Sea Training Bureau of the United States Shipping Board will begin turning out fifty young men a day equipped for service aboard the ships of the new American merchant marine. They will be officers, wardens, cooks and stewards, and by the time the programme is completed there will be 50,000 men in the service.

Originally, the American Shipping Board was to have the ships that will fly the American flag in all parts of the world during the war and after. The boys are being recruited in all parts of the country. The recruiting agents are just now particularly busy in Kansas and other states of the Middle West. The recruits will be exempt from the draft the moment they sign articles for the duration of the war aboard ships of the United States merchant marine, and after two years they will be eligible for the merchant shipping board schools of navigation, in thirty of which men are now qualifying as officers.

By the time that the new American merchant fleet is fully developed it is predicted that the crews will be wholly American.

There are two training ships now in service. The Government has no better error Dingley. Soon two more ships, the former transport Meade and the United States gunboat Princeton, will be turned over to the board as school ships.

Arrest German as A Mail Smuggler

Agents of the Federal government attach much importance to the arrest of a man giving the name of Ludwig Hoffmann, who was taken into custody on Friday night, in his room at the Central Y. M. C. A., in Brooklyn. He is charged with violation of the President's proclamation and, according to Federal agents, he was the leading spirit in a nation-wide plot to smuggle mail to Germany through neutral countries. At the time of his arrest he carried a loaded revolver.

Yesterday he was subjected to an exhaustive interrogation by William Wallace, director of the New York Bureau of Enemy Aliens, and his assistant, Captain Roger B. Hull, and later turned over to the Department of Justice agents. The government officials are anxiously waiting for the translation of a number of papers found on the man, which they believe contain detailed information as to the mail smuggling plot. Pending the translation of the papers, Federal officials refused to enter into any discussion of the case, except to say that a thorough investigation was being made. However, it was learned that the plan called for the dispatching of mail to a central clearing house in Holland, from which it was to be forwarded to Germany.

Max Kahlfeldt, an enemy alien, was arrested by guards of the New York Central yesterday on Pier 35, North River, where he was acting in a suspicious manner, and brought to the Enemy Alien Bureau for examination. He did not have a zone pass to enter the waterfront area, and spoke in a broken dialect, which the interpreter at the bureau did not understand. After failing to get any statement from him, Captain Hull turned him over to the Department of Justice for examination and investigation.

Lieutenant C. L. Norstedt Dies at Camp Upton
CAMP UPTON, N. Y., March 16.—Lieutenant Gustaf L. Norstedt, of the Medical Reserve Corps, a member of the administrative staff of the base hospital here, died to-day of pneumonia. His body, which was accompanied to the station by a platoon of the medical detail, was taken by his brother, C. O. Norstedt, of the Navy Hospital Corps, to his former home in Mount Carmel, Penn.

Lieutenant Norstedt was twenty-six years old. He was commissioned on October 5, 1917, and assigned to this cantonment.

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Sunday Lifts to Upton

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Farmers Short Of Help to Put In Spring Crops

Situation in the Rural Districts Worrying Officials
By Theodore M. Knappen

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The farm labor situation is serious. This fact is known to the chief officials of the departments of Labor and Agriculture. They are extending themselves to the limits of hours and brains to remedy the situation.

They are doing everything to meet the emergency except to give authoritative publicity to the actual situation. The idea is to reassure the farmer by hastening to find him some labor.

Meanwhile the bill now pending in Congress, which carries an appropriation of \$2,500,000, for the mobilization of farm labor is anchored, despite the fact that the planting season is at hand and that it will take time to organize to spend the money effectively.

The Department of Agriculture now is making a survey of the entire country through its farm labor specialists in each state and the host of county agents to determine precisely what the labor situation is. All information concerning the facts being disclosed by the reports is refused, but the New York survey, which has been published, shows a decline of 10 per cent in the acreage under cultivation in that state.

The labor situation in New York is admittedly to be bad, but I am in possession of authoritative information which proves beyond a doubt that the situation is worse in some other states than it is in New York.

There are whole states in which the number of farm laborers is as much as 70 per cent below normal. There are great agricultural districts where the farmers have not a single experienced farm hand left. They have no nucleus with which to break in green hands, even if they can find them.

The departments of Agriculture and Labor are putting forth great and well planned efforts to meet the emergency.

Sailor Who Saved Mate From Sharks Decorated

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Heroism in rescuing a seaman from sharks in Philippine waters nearly two years ago won for Wallace Odell Prater, of Stratford, Kan., a machinist's mate, a gold medal to-day. Prater is now serving with the navy in French waters. The medal was awarded by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Prater was acting as a lookout on the U. S. S. Albatross, when he saw a shark attacking a fellow sailor. He rushed to the aid of his mate and, using a knife and a hatchet, killed the shark and saved his mate. The incident occurred in the Philippine Sea, near the island of Luzon, in 1916.

Prater was then promoted to the rank of machinist's mate, and has since been decorated for his bravery.

Prater is now serving with the navy in French waters, and is expected to return to the United States soon.

Prater is a native of Kansas, and has been in the navy for several years.

Prater is a member of the American Legion, and is a very popular man among his fellow sailors.

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65 Manhattan 3 Monthly Until Paid	150 Milton 5 Monthly Until Paid	5 Monthly Until Paid 5 Monthly Until Paid
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War Heroes' Kin Prey Of Insurance Ghouls

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Deception and fraud have been practised on the beneficiaries of American soldiers killed in the war with Germany, Representative Fields, of Kentucky, a member of the House Military Committee, said to-day after he had introduced a bill designed to put an end to the alleged practices. The measure limits the fee of agents or attorneys to \$25, and imposes heavy penalties on persons collecting more.

"Claim agencies already are organizing throughout the country," said Representative Fields, "and as fast as casualty lists are published these agencies or their representatives hurry to beneficiaries with the statement that it is extremely difficult to collect the soldier's insurance without aid of special counsel."

"By such methods they frighten the beneficiaries into employing them at an extortionate figure. Some claims are being purchased at a mere pittance through the same methods."

"Service of a special agent or attorney is not necessary in collecting war risk insurance, except in some unusual case, where the claimant may encounter difficulty in establishing his identity. A law should be enacted to inflict upon deceivers the punishment they deserve."

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